

how do we compete with other states? Now we come along and we are going to set up an internal system within the state that now we are going to have competition from tech college to tech college, as the word goes. We are having a difficult enough time to have a statewide policy that is competitive. Why in the world would we want to set up a process where we are also going to have competition internally between different segments of our state? It makes absolutely no sense. And you know it can only lead to one direction. That one direction is going to be a continued deterioration of a tax base, and a continued deterioration of a tax base leads to a deterioration to governmental services, and the whole concept makes no sense. I would hope that out of this session, because I am as interested as everyone of us are in trying to encourage expansion of our economy, but let's get rid of the shopping bag approach, and let's support and develop a targeted plan...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR WARNER: ...for the kinds of job opportunities that can best be done in Nebraska, that are, in fact, new jobs that are not otherwise likely to be ever established here, not just natural growth, and then, finally, let's have a compliance system which you can monitor the results, that you can monitor the benefits, and that the benefits in the form of a tax adjustment only comes after performance rather than the hope that with this shopping bag we are going to attract some fish as it comes down the stream. So I would urge support of Senator Lamb's motion to indefinitely postpone, and think more toward a different kind of a tax policy that is applied uniformly across this state, rather than beginning this route of a scattered shotgun...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR WARNER: ...approach for the state from the area to area throughout.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, please.

SENATOR SCHMIT: (No response.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Haberman, please.

SENATOR HABERMAN: Mr. President, I call the question.